THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Central Government has since formulated the National Housing Policy to provide State Govts. with the strategy for formulating and implementing various housing schemes according to their priorities and availability of resources. The Policy document has been placed before Parliament during the last session.

Development of Bangalore

919. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has requested the Centre to sanction Rs. 100 crores for development of Bangalore city and if so, whether Government have sanctioned any amount against this project, and if not the reasons therefor; and

(b) the amount sanctioned and released by Government during the 7th Five Year Plan for the 4 metro cities and other capital cities of the size of Bangalore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. A request for Special Assistance of Rs. 100 crores for the development of Bangalore city in all its infrastructural aspects was received from the Chief Minister of Karnataka. 'Urban Development' is a State subject. The Minister of Urban Development in the Govt. of India plays only a nodal role and there are no discretionary funds with the Govt. of India for giving such grants to metropolitan areas. The State Government would have to formulate necessary development projects and get them included in the annual plans in consultation with the Union Planning Commission.

(b) During 7th Plan period (1985-90), the following special grants have been sanctioned by the Central Government.

(i) Prime Minister's Grant for Bombay for tackling problems of slums;

—Rs. 75 crores out of a total grant of Rs. 100 crores;

(ii) On the basis of the recommendation of the Ninth Finance Commission the Ministry of Finance granted Rs. 50 crores each to Govt. of Maharashtra and Govt. of West Bengal for provision of basic amenities in slums in Bombay and Calcutta on a matching basis.

Promotion to Estate Management Societies

920. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times of the 11th October, 1992 to the effect that the HUDCO has been promoting the idea of Estate Management Societies, and, if so, the present state thereof;

(b) whether public agencies and Non-Government Organisations and other voluntary groups would be involved in this task; and

(c) whether similar societies would be encouraged throughout the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) Yes, HUDCO has brought out a Technical Circular on 8th August, 1986 to the housing agencies funded by it impressing on them the need to promote Estate Management Societies for promoting institutional arrangement for maintenance of group housing and corporate development implemented by them. Pursuant to this, the housing agencies are advised that in the allotment order and the lease deed of flats, houses or commercial spaces, a condition may be imposed that the allottees shall have to become a member of the Estate Management Society registered under the Societies Registration Act. The Society should be registered as soon as seven allotments are made with a representative of the Housing Agency on the managing committee of the Society. An amount equivalent to two percent of the cost price of the property towards the maintenance fund may be recovered at the time of allotment and the deposited in the account of the Society when it is constituted. Thus, the